

California and thence east through the Middle West and south through the Gulf Coast States and into Florida. It will include visits to all the Field Stations of the Office and numerous State Experiment Stations and private experimenters in plant introduction. He is expected back some time in November.

Dr. Galloway assumes his old title of Plant Pathologist, which he retained during all the years of his connection with the Bureau of Plant Industry.

Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer of the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction, who returned last October from a three years' stay in Northwestern China, has finished the writing of his reports and the arranging of his material here in Washington and has sailed for his third Chinese expedition and his fourth into Asia.

It is expected that he will continue his work on the northern fruits and vegetables of China and extend his explorations into the provinces south of the Yangtze River, which is still, so far as plants are concerned, almost an unknown region.

The climate of these provinces which approach the tropics, resembles that of the South Atlantic and Gulf States and although temperatures do not go so low there as they do in our Gulf Region, frosts occur and many plants, it is believed, will be found there which will thrive as far north as the Carolinas.

The hardiness of the giant edible bamboo (a native of South China) in Louisiana and as far north as Savannah is an indication of the possibility of finding important new plants in South China, where we have records already of edible fruited oaks, slightly frost-resistant litchis, southern pears, plums and grapes, and vegetables especially suited for marsh or pond culture.

It is expected that Mr. Meyer will remain in this region about three years and arrangements have been made for him to cooperate with the Philippine Bureau of Agriculture in the handling of such new tropical plant material as he may discover.

Mr. Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer of the Office, is now in Guatemala investigating the wild plant possibilities of the uplands of that interesting region where many new fruit species and varieties are yet to be discovered which should be brought into culture throughout the tropics. Such fruits and vegetables as the Sapote, Avocado, Annona, Chayote, and many others will be studied by Mr. Popenoe.